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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINES UPDATE ON CONVENTION FOR SUPPRESSION
OF ACTS OF NUCLEAR TERRORISM

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11. (SBU) As requested (reftel), post met with the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and urged the Philippines to sign and ratify the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (NTC).

12. (SBU) Leah Ruiz, Director for International Political, Legal, and Security Affairs in the Department of Foreign Affairs' Office of United Nations and International Organizations, confirmed that the Philippines has not yet ratified the NTC, and stated that the DFA would convene an interagency meeting to discuss the provisions of the convention, after which the NTC would be forwarded to the Office of the President for submission to the Senate for ratification. She was not able to give a timeline as to when the ratification could take place, but noted that the Philippines is supportive of such conventions and has signed and ratified all previous U.N. anti-terrorism conventions.

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